

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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APPENDIX
VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

1.(Thrice Amended) A method for displaying changes in operation states of network devices on a display screen of a client device which operates as a client in a network where various digital devices connected to the network operate as the client or ~~the~~as servers, said various digital devices having ~~the same~~a protocol layer which is the same as an internet protocol stack on ~~the~~an upper network communication layer, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) establishing a communication channel by the client device with respect to server devices;

(b) receiving a predetermined signal that indicates changes in the operation states of the server devices from the server devices by the client device and displaying the change in the operation state of a specific server device on a screen thereof.

Claim 6 is added as a new claim.

6. A method for a server device to communicate with a client device in a network where various digital devices connected to the network operate as the client or as servers, said various digital devices having a protocol layer which is the same as an internet protocol stack on an upper network communication layer, the method comprising the steps of:

transmitting a re-determined signal for indicating changes in the operation states of the server device to the client device when the server device performs a predetermined operation and stops the operation or performs another operation.